

WANING DAYS ON DIAMOND

Base Ball Season Already Sputtering in Its Socket Ready to Go Out.

POSITIONS OF THE TEAMS NEARLY FIXED

Baltimore May Overhaul Boston and Kansas City May Beat Out Indianapolis, but the Rest of the Places Are Settled.

Cincinnati can not finish one-two. That looks to be a foregone conclusion now with the Reds in third place. That long prophesied streak of yellow with which Buckner's Ewing's troupe has been charged has put in its appearance. The Reds have had a good game stand, but Buck has extracted all the ball playing that is in the material that he has at hand. With a percentage that is now fifty points less than that of the Beaneaters, in first place, and twenty-five in the rear of Baltimore, which is second, there seems to be no possibility for the Reds to wind up better than in the third notch, with a good lead over Tebeau's Cincinnati. Under such circumstances there does not seem to be an earthly chance left for the Reds, with but four weeks and a little more of the season left.

The four victories which the Orioles secured from the Reds is what has placed them so safely in second place. And it was plain championship ball that put them in the position, for if one considers the four games from every point of view he cannot but admit that in every stage of the game the Orioles outplayed the Ewing band. In all but one and the final contest the Reds put up no sort of a fight at all.

Thus the present team of champions and the Orioles will fight it out for the pennant and it must be admitted that Boston has several shades the best of it over the Orioles. They have more games on the home grounds; they are now a score of points and more in the lead and their pitchers are in the best of form. It's odd that they are having the same run of luck that was with them during the last month of last season. Luck, of course, even itself up on the season, as a rule, but the Beaneaters are having their lucky streak just at the stage of the race when every victory counts. They played twelve games up to and including last Friday, and of this number they won all but one.

The work of the Louisville club, however, has been the surprise of the year. On August 23 the Colonels were in the eleventh position in the race with a percentage of 36.8. Now they are in ninth position with a percentage on last Friday of 43.8, a clear gain of seventy points. In the space of time between these two dates they have played a total of twenty-two games and of this number they have won seventeen and lost five. This is a record of which the champion aspirants might be proud. If Colonel Pulliam keeps together the same crowd of youngsters next season he will make some of the other aggregations in the league look sick.

It is a tossup in the matter of selecting a winner of the Western league championship. In three days, including today, the season of this western organization will be completed, and still it is questionable whether Indianapolis or Kansas City will be the winner of the coveted pennant. The two defeats which the Cowboys sustained at the hands of the Senators during the week put them back in the running, but their great work with Milwaukee has made up for this. The championship will be decided in the game which begins today between the two teams. Never in the history of base ball has there been such a close fight.

A geometer of a mathematical turn of mind has figured out that if the sixty turners employed in the big league were to combine their speed they would hurl a ball that would be a cannon shot in effectiveness. This individual has figured that the combined speed would be 290 times that of a Russian's slow balls, such as collided with Jennings' forehead during the summer and laid him up for a week. A ball hurled with such force would crush a man's skull as easily as though it were an egg shell. It would pierce armor plate, if applied to a more effective missile than the mush balls of the league. Applied mechanically, it would operate a giant pile driver or haul a heavily laden train half way across the continent. Sixty pluming arms joined longitudinally would form a prodigious limb 150 feet long.

This same genius has some figures regarding the distances twirlers pitch. He based his computation on the premise that a twirler sends 200 benders during the course of a game. This means a journey of 12,000 feet for his muscles during the afternoon. Twelve league artillerymen hurl the pellet over 144,000 feet, or about forty miles in two hours. On this basis the entire staff of base balls in the league's employ cover 5,800 miles or thereabouts from the pitcher from April to November. How many more miles they travel on account of hits or throws to bases or in practice this dope artist does not say.

Although the schedule gives Cincinnati only two more games on the home grounds during the rest of the season—one with St. Louis and one with Cleveland—yet Buck Ewing has so arranged matters that ten games will be played in Cincinnati—five with the Browns and five with the Castaways. The revised schedule is as follows:

September 25—Cleveland at Cincinnati (2).
September 26—Cleveland at Cincinnati.
September 27—Cleveland at Cincinnati.
September 28—Cleveland at Cincinnati.
September 29—Reds and Cleveland at St. Louis.
September 30—Reds and St. Louis at St. Louis (2).
October 1—Reds and St. Louis at Cincinnati (2).
October 2—Reds and St. Louis at Cincinnati (2).
October 3—Reds and St. Louis at Cincinnati.
October 4—Reds and Cleveland at Cincinnati.

That this is a poor year for base ball from a financial point of view was again demonstrated in the woful slump in gate receipts on Labor day in comparison with past years. The turnstile count for the games played in the six cities this year was 43,119, against 75,021 for last season.

68,817 for 1896, 69,767 for 1895, and 67,823 for 1894. "The war excitement has, of course, kept thousands from the game this year," says Secretary Robert Young. "If the ball has one off year in about every five, and we were due for a season of offhitness this eventful year of 1898, war or no war."

Chauncey Fisher is no longer captain of the St. Joe team and Fred Root has been appointed to succeed him. On last Thursday he was to have pitched, but sent word to Owner Van Bunt that he was not in condition. It was the belief of the management that his condition was brought about by continued inebriety. It is also claimed that Fisher has created much discontent among the players, and has failed to look after the interests of the owner of the team. The most surprising thing to those who have known how matters were going was that Fisher held his job as long as he did. He was suspended indefinitely without pay and fined \$25.

The Hayden Bros. ball team will take a trip through Iowa during the coming week. They play five games, opening with Taber on Tuesday.

GOSSIP FROM THE GRIDIRON

Princeton Draws the Lines Even Tighter Around the Candidates for the Athletic Teams.

An examination of the schedule that Princeton has arranged for the coming season, together with one or two lines of policy the Tigers will inaugurate this season, indicates that the university proposes to strictly maintain the amateur status of foot ball which constitutes the attraction that underlies the popularity of this great game. In doing this Princeton is but following a course which she has pursued during the last ten or a dozen years—a course that she of all the big colleges first picked up and which has made her the advance agent in the movement to secure the absolute purification of college sports.

The first step taken by Princeton in this direction was some years ago when the faculty required that students who engaged in athletics and especially foot ball must be up to the average standing in class. Something of this sort was needed. Even at Princeton students who played foot ball behind in their studies and the situation was even worse at other big institutions in the east. It is hardly more than a half dozen years since one of the big eleven imported a man for the express purpose of utilizing his foot ball ability. He matriculated in due form, made a pretense of attending his classes, and at the end of the season dropped out of college. There was a well founded report that he had been paid for his services. Such an instance of rank professionalism, although an attempt was made to conceal it, leaked out. It compelled all the colleges to follow in the footsteps of Princeton in forcing foot ball players to keep up their class standing and the requirement is almost universal in the east now.

Princeton, however, has taken even a more advanced step. Recently the faculty of the university decided that college athletes must make an even better showing in their classes than those who do not engage in athletics. The slightest falling off will result in the delinquent being ordered out of the game. This stand may appear a bit radical, but it will have a good effect. It will do away absolutely with even the possibility that a man will induce the university to admit him solely because of his athletic ability.

Princeton's schedule is noticeable from the fact that it provides for but a single game with an athletic club eleven. This is the result of the agitation last year regarding club teams, when it was alleged that the eleven were made up largely of professionals who were induced to join the club by being offered nominal positions in the charges in which they were located. The charge was denied, but the question that they could be proved to some extent. The schedule provides for a shorter season than that of any other university. It closes on November 12, fully two weeks before Thanksgiving day. There will be no games this year with either Harvard or the Carlisle Indians, but Brown university is added. The full schedule is as follows: October 1, Lehigh at Princeton; October 5, Stevens at Princeton; October 8, Franklin and Marshall at Princeton; October 12, Lafayette at Princeton; October 14, Maryland Athletic club at Baltimore; October 15, Naval Academy at Annapolis; October 19, open; October 22, Cornell at Princeton; October 26, Pennsylvania State college at Princeton; November 2, University of Virginia at Princeton; November 5, Military Academy at West Point; November 12, Yale at Princeton.

Two more of the big five, Harvard and Yale, have considerably shortened their schedules for this season. The two victories with their game on November 19. Cornell and Pennsylvania, however, still mark the close of the season with their Thanksgiving day. The schedules of Harvard and Yale are as follows: Yale—September 24, Trinity at Hartford; October 5, Amherst at New Haven; October 8, Williams at New Haven; October 15, New Haven at Hartford; October 19, Brown at New Haven; October 22, Indians at New Haven; November 12, West Point at New Haven; November 19, Harvard at New Haven.

Harvard—October 1, Williams at Cambridge; October 5, Bowdoin at Cambridge; October 8, Dartmouth at Cambridge; October 12, Amherst at Cambridge; October 19, West Point at West Point; October 22, Chicago Athletic association at Cambridge; October 26, Harvard at Cambridge; November 5, Pennsylvania at Cambridge; November 9, Yale at New Haven.

The last week has marked the opening of the foot ball campaign. Before its close most of the institutions all over the country had called their eleven together and were engaged in preliminary practice. At some places the season was already so far advanced that games were played yesterday. Other preliminary games will be played during the remainder of this month, but the bruisers are not scheduled until the opening of October, a week from next Saturday. By that time, he foot ball critic will be able to size up the strength of the various eleven.

The prospects at the University of Nebraska for good eleven have wavered during the last few weeks. A month ago they were of a bad color from the fact that several strong players of last year's team were away with Nebraska volunteer regiments, which apparently were not likely to be mustered out. Then came the orders to the second regiment to return home, and the hearts of the Nebraska students were lightened, for with the regiment came back Hayward and Pearson, the two strong tackles. But the fire now have again died down. It is said that Hayward will not re-enter the university and Pearson will probably be unable to play at any time during the season on account of his illness. On top of this comes the report that Shedd, the full back, has accepted a position in the Beatrice schools and will not return. About half of last year's team will be missing, therefore, but still Coach Yost has a better start than coaches of past years who their over-the-hill have always turned out creditable eleven. The team and candidates were called out for practice during the latter part of the week.

St. Joseph will be on the gridiron this year with a couple of eleven. The Central Medical college will have a team in the field, and the Ensworth Medical college will also be represented. The latter will have a crack team if reports are true. The fact that several experienced players will be taken up the study of medicine at Ensworth indicates that Ensworth will be in it this season on the gridiron. The following is the schedule: October 29, Kansas University at St. Joseph; November 5, William Jewell college at St. Joseph; November 12, University of Nebraska at Lincoln; November 15, Kansas City Medical at St. Joseph; November 24, Haskell Indians of Lawrence at St. Joseph; November 30, University of Nebraska at St. Joseph. Dr. John Doyle, who in '94 played right half with Crescent Athletic club and '95 with St. Mary's, Kan., team, will coach the doctors, while Dr. Humphreys of the college faculty will look after the correspondence and business end.

Foot ball prospects at Missouri university are brighter than last year and indications point to a fast and successful season. The season's players, Hill, Troy, Liggett, Howard and Woodson, will be in school again and all will play foot ball. Coach Fultz, from Brown university, will arrive at Columbia in a few days and will practice with the team. Howard will again be a candidate for center, but he will have an opponent in Hallaw, a William Jewell man, who has entered the university. If Hallaw shows up well Howard will be one of the tackles, Harold of Jefferson City, who played with the Virginia Military institute team last year, taking the other tackle position. The mighty "Ad" Hill will again play guard and Liggett will seek his old place at quarter. Woodson is ambitious to succeed himself as full-back, but Muehlberg, who played with the Yale freshmen in '96, will give him a hard tussle for the place. Burdard and Harris are promising candidates for ends. The team will be weakened by the loss of Floyd Kramer, who played Chickamauga. He was one of the halves last season and was a great ground galner.

As has been said, however, the outlook is better than ever before in the history of college sports. Eight of the best players and substitutes will be on hand when practice starts in earnest tomorrow. Stringer, who played left end, will be back at his old position. Swartz, Williams and Benedict will be back for the half positions. Captain Melford will return, having played center last year, but there is a possibility of his having to go to left tackle. Turner and Hansen, the two big guards, are expected tomorrow. Cowdell will be back at quarter. There is also a good part of the back line. The team is in good condition to tackle last year. Pillsbury, who played tackle last year, is in good condition to fill a tackle on the varsity. Drain plays quarter a little light, but makes up in quickness and steadiness. Some good finds will be made in the new material. The team will play full back on the varsity team of '96, has entered school again. Yont, a brother to the Yont who played on the '93 champion team, is out for a position. Brew, Gilbert, Irvin and Bailey are all good men who may be able to make the team.

Changes have been made in the schedule since it was published a couple of weeks ago. The game with the University of Wisconsin is off, but one is being arranged with the University of Minnesota. This will be played on November 12 or 13. The full schedule is as follows: October 1, Hastings college at Lincoln; October 8, Ames college at Lincoln; October 15, open; October 22, William Jewell at Kansas City; October 24, University of Missouri at Columbia, Mo.; October 29, Grinnell at Lincoln; November 5, Kansas at Lawrence; November 7, Kansas City Medical at Kansas City; November 12, open; November 19, open; November 24, Iowa at Omaha.

FOR LOVERS OF GUN AND ROD

DuPont Club's Amateur Tournament Rids Fair to Be a Record-Breaking Success.

On next Tuesday the third annual shooting tournament of the DuPont Gun club will commence at the grounds of the Omaha Gun club on the Iowa side of the river and will probably continue during the remainder of the week, although the program calls for the windup on Friday afternoon. It will be the most successful amateur tournament ever held in this section of the country, or else the signs read wrong. The committee which has been working up interest in it has secured a fine field of amateurs and every possible arrangement has been made to give them a good time, lots of money and a chance of doing some good shooting.

It is confidently expected that the entries every day will be over 100. In the bunch will be shooters from Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and among them will be a number of crack. No professionals or manufacturers' agents will be allowed to compete in the tournament events, although it is likely that some will be on hand and will shoot among themselves. A full program has been arranged for the three days. It is as follows: Wednesday—Morning: Six events at fifteen blue rocks, \$1.50 entrance; afternoon, four events at fifteen blue rocks, entrance, \$1.50, and a shot at ten live birds, entrance \$5 and \$15 added. Thursday—Morning: Six events at fifteen blue rocks, \$1.50 entrance; afternoon, four events at fifteen blue rocks, entrance, \$1.50, and a shot at ten live birds, entrance \$5 and \$15 added. Friday—Morning: Six events at fifteen blue rocks, \$1.50 entrance; afternoon, four events at fifteen blue rocks, entrance, \$1.50, and a shot at ten live birds, entrance \$5 and \$15 added.

In all probability a big live bird shoot will be held on Saturday, although it is not down on the program. If this is arranged it will be at twenty-five birds, and the entrance fee will be \$25. With such a purse up a hot race would certainly ensue. A dozen shooters are expected to arrive should be added and it very probably will. The championship race will be one of the events of the tournament, because it will represent the amateur inanimate championship of the country west of the Mississippi river. It is expected that there will be more than 100 entries, for the emblem that is to be shot for is a handsome silver cup, properly engraved.

There will be four money in each event. In addition to this the management has added \$50 in the shape of prize for averages. In these the medium shooters are provided for as well as the cracks, for there will be money for low averages as well as high averages each day. There are to be ten prizes of each and each will be worth \$5. The shooters will commence to arrive tomorrow, and the majority will be on hand on Tuesday. On the latter day the Omaha Gun club grounds will be open to them for practice purposes.

The season of all others which delights the hunter is fast approaching, in fact, in a small way is already here. It will be some time before the flight of ducks from the north will commence, but at the present time there is excellent shooting on the shores of the lakes, sloughs and bays where the ducks have bred. Many places in Nebraska are prime breeding grounds and thousands of mallard, wood duck, spoonbills and even some teal have bred here. The young birds are now fully grown and are strong of wing and afford fair sport and really a better opportunity for a good bag than is to be had when the flight comes down from the north. They are not so strong of wing as the birds which have had a long flight and what is more important to the average hunter, they are not so wary as the ones which have run the gauntlet of the hunters on the way down. They afford fairly good sport and serve as an appetizer for the head and when the big birds—the mallard, teal and wood duck—back with the lordly Canada geese and the noisy brant—come down from the north which require all the skill of the gunner and

knowledge of the hunter to secure a good bag.

Some good bags have been made at Cut-off and other neighboring lakes. So far as chicken shooting is concerned, the present season is likely to prove a bitter disappointment to the hunter in spite of the fact that birds are plentiful where they have been protected. The first week of the open season was so hot and dry that ducks could not work, and it was impossible to secure many birds. The sudden change to extreme cold, with frosty nights, will certainly cause the birds to assemble in large flocks, which will not stand for a dog and the hunter is unable to get within gunshot of except in rare instances. The only chance under such conditions is to break up the big flock and then pick up the scattered birds. When the weather is cold, however, the birds fly so far, as a rule, on the first day that following them to pick up the stragglers is not small task, even when it is possible to mark them down.

Although it is still a bit too early for duck shooting, hunters have been successful in bagging some quail, something fierce, and look after smaller game, but they are loaded for deer and big game.

Lee Sprattin, Jim Kelly and Jim Sheehan of this city, together with Will and James Griffiths of Philadelphia, left last week for the Big Horn country, where they will spend a couple of weeks. The party will look and look after smaller game, but they are loaded for deer and big game.

Fishing has been at a low ebb. Parties have been out to nearby resorts and have had only fair luck.

PALAVER OF THE PUGILISTS

Probability that Authorities Will Re-leave Corbett and McCoy of the Embarrassment of Fighting.

It do look as if the two artists with the big mits, McCoy and Corbett, were to have a bit of trouble in meeting before the Hawthorne Athletic club since last Monday night, when a sheriff, backed by a cordon of blue-coated and brass-buttoned detectives, forced the party, attacked by "twist" Frank Erne and Kid Lavigne and even refused to permit a pair of boxers to indulge in a harmless preliminary. The proposed bout between Erne and Lavigne was to be a forerunner for the Corbett-McCoy fight, but the authorities did not permit Lavigne and Erne to box they can not see their way clear to stop the Hoosier and Corbett, was the way the club management argued. The interference of a crowd of spectators, however, places the club in a critical position.

In order to bring about a meeting between the two heavies the management of the club will have to exercise all the influence it has boasted of and it will have to do it quickly. Hundreds of patrons of boxing who counted on witnessing the contest, will have to wait until it will take place, for they are not likely to take the chance of a trip to Buffalo to see a fiasco. The Hawthorne club asserts that the interference of last Monday night was an attempt of a pugilistic promoter of boxing in New York to ruin the club and this may be so. But the public don't care a straw for the knoxes and bickerings of rival boxing promoters and must be satisfied that it will get the worth of its money before it pays the price.

The trouble will probably result in a decision regarding the legality of the Horton law. This statute gives any club in the state a right to pull off boxing contests. It even permits of a glove fight to a finish. The Hawthornites propose to put their case to a jury and to appeal to the authorities for an injunction to restrain the authorities from interfering with their boxing entertainments.

In the meantime the two principals in the proposed Georgeberry fray are having a word about the situation. McCoy has declared that the fight can not come off, and says that Corbett is afraid to meet him anyway and is thinking of stopping his training. This has boosted up the courage of the Pompadour, who insists that McCoy is trying to shake out of his match, but that the fight will come off if he has to follow McCoy to the moon and is righteously keeping up his training. It's a case of horse and horse probably.

If the Hawthorne people fail in their efforts to pull off the fight the argument will certainly lack for a reason. Tom O'Rourke has demonstrated that he has enough of a pull to keep his club running, and if McCoy is sincere in his desire to meet Corbett he might accept the O'Rourke proposition, even if he does not win personally. A California club has come forward with a proposition, too, and now Dan Stuart has shed his castor in the ring with an offer to engineer the fight at Carson City.

Besides this interference with the fight of the two heavies, last Monday night was quite notable as a result of two other fistic entertainments. One of these occurred in Philadelphia, and this was featured by the fact that the wane of the veteran glove-scared champion of the barriers, Joe Goddard, was again in the ring, this time showing he made against Joe Chynski. Some years ago Goddard disposed of the Hebrew twice in four rounds of bloodletting game battles, in which science and brains were thrown to the winds and brute endurance reigned supreme. Chynski's first clash with Goddard took place in Sydney, Australia, in February, 1891, and they met again six months later in Melbourne. In both conflicts Chynski was hammered to a pulp. Chynski, however, has improved since his first fight with Goddard, and the barrier champion, and at Philadelphia he turned the tables upon old Joe, peppering him all over the ring at every angle, from a right swing to a clever inside jolt or jab.

The other event of the evening was the setting of Dan Creedon's star. Although Creedon claims that his left ankle was sprained after he had been toppled over by the heavy Quaker City middleweight, the excuse will hardly be accepted. Critics say that Creedon's blow that knocked Creedon dazed and senseless on the sanded floor of the ring, and the Quaker City lad had many another shot of the same kind in the locker. Time was when Creedon was good enough to go up against Fitzsimmons, but the Creedon who faced the champion in the two rounds in 1894 and the Creedon who fell before Jack Bonner were two different persons. Creedon will now be ranked among the catch-penny class that are forced to take anything that the crowd or the scrupulous manager can get them. On the other hand, Bonner's victory makes him a formidable candidate for the middleweight championship. McCoy has graduated from the division and Fitzsimmons is also out of the 145-pound class. Creedon was regarded as the next best to McCoy and Fitz, but his defeat makes Bonner the favorite, and the latter will quite likely face Tommy Ryan in his next big fight.

Bonner is a Philadelphiaan. He was born at Summit Hill on July 14, 1874. His height is five feet nine and one-fourth inches; his weight in condition is 156-158 pounds. He has been fighting since 1894 and has never received worse than a draw. In May, 1897, he sparred six rounds with Kid McCoy and knocked him down in the last round. No decision was given. He has been against Dick Moore several times

and has beaten him once and has drawn the other times.

The National Athletic club has offered a purse of \$17,000 for a meeting between Fitzsimmons and Sharkey, but the Australian refused to consider it. He can hardly be blamed, for there is no doubt that he was given the hot end of the poker on the occasion with his fray with Sharkey on the coast. A burnt pugilist dreads the fire about as much as any other old thing does and it is not likely that the offer of the "Frisco association will tempt Fitz.

Tommy Tracey, who is now in San Francisco, has been matched to fight Kid Lavigne, the lightweight champion, before the National club, the leading pugilistic club on the coast, next October. Lavigne should have no trouble withing Tracey, for he is one-half as good a scrapper as he was a year ago, but his recent fight with Jack Daly would indicate that he is going back. Lavigne is about the cleverest lightweight seen in this country since Jack McAuliffe's day. For a man of his weight his punching power is something fierce. Young Griffio, after drawing twice with the Michigan boy, said he was the toughest proposition he ever tackled in this country. Griffio warned poor Andy Bowen to pass up Lavigne, but the New Orleans man took the advice, and died from the effects of the trouncing he received from the Saginaw lad.

WITH HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Close of the Grand Circuit and What the Racers Have Accomplished During the Season.

With the meeting that closed at Righy park yesterday the racing on the grand circuit was closed for the season. Following this will now come an almost unnumbered lot of meetings at county fairs and along minor circuits for the next month. Among the biggest events is a full four weeks' meeting at Galesburg, Ill. Among the more important ones is the Louisville meeting from September 26 to October 1. Then will come the premier light harness event of the season—the two weeks' meeting of the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' association at Lexington from October 4 to 15.

This Lexington meet will offer the magnificent sum of \$75,000 in purses to the racers. Not one of them is less than \$1,000 in value and some of them contain \$2,000. There are four fixtures that will particularly attract horsemen and will undoubtedly bring together the best horses in their classes from all over the country. One of these is the Kentucky Futurity for 3-year-olds, which will pay the winners the magnificent sum of \$16,000. Then there is a futurity for 2-year-olds which pays \$5,000 and the Tennessee for 2-year-olds, which is a purse of \$4,000. The greatest interest, however, is likely to be centered in the Transylvania, a trot for the 2125 yards for a purse of \$5,000.

One of the latest 4-year-old pacers to enter the 210 list, the filly Lena Russell, 2:09 1/2, is owned by B. R. Latta of Tekamah. Lena is a very well bred mare, her dam being a daughter of the famous 2:10 trotter, 14256; grandam by Jay Gould 1:27. Mont Russell is a son of Lord Russell, sire of Kremen, 2:07 1/2; dam Mona Wilkes (daughter of George Wilkes, 2:29 1/2, etc., by George Wilkes, 2:29 1/2, by Hamlet 1:50. Mr. Latta purchased Mont Russell from Mrs. W. M. Irvine, Richmond, Ky., and Lena Russell was sired when the colt was a 2-year-old.

Joe Patchen and John R. Gentry are to meet at Readville, Mass., September 22, for a purse of \$5,000. After a season's talk of match races between the stars a race has finally been arranged and it should produce a sensational contest. Patchen is hardly in condition to go such a long race as Gentry will put up, and it looks as if the bay horse had a little the best of the match. Mr. Marks has been working Patchen himself, and the big pacer has had but few workouts of the kind that are needed to fit him for a bruising race.

C. L. Garrison is working a string of seven full brothers and sisters over the half-mile track at Geneva, this state. All are by Bow Shot and out of the mare Filly. C. L. Garrison of Indiana is breeding carriage horses and single drivers of a high type.

Captain Ed Pyle of this state has taken to Philadelphia a carload of first-class road horses and a number of well bred and well broken 2-year-olds that will do for racing another season.

A. R. Galsby of Falls City has a yearling colt by Red Wing, son of Red Wilkes, dam by Calamity Dick, that is exceedingly promising.

E. B. Davis of Falls City has purchased from Ed Kenter of the same place the 3-year-old colt McAllen, by McInnis, son of Robert McGregor, dam by Coriander, that is said to have trotted a mile in 2:40 as a yearling.

Searchlight's endurance and wearing quality border on the marvelous. The great 4-year-old was shipped from Cleveland to Portland, Me., then back to Dubuque, Ia., then back to Boston—and still he keeps at edge and almost unbeatable.

The ex-champion racing stallion John R. Gentry now heads the list of 2:04 stallions as a sire of speed, having three in the list, with two inside the 2:20 list. Jim Ramey, the latest and fastest of the trio, is appropriately named after Gentry's first driver. Report says that since Mattie Patterson, 2:09 1/2, was sold for \$7,000 horsemen are prospecting for fast trotters in South Dakota as earnestly and with as good success as the miners are for rich claims in the Klondike region.

The Chamber of Commerce of Dubuque, Ia., purchased 10,000 tickets for the recent meeting at that place. The great western pacer, Chehalis, has been sold for \$7,000, and under his new owner he has not been doing as good work as when Frazier drove him. One of last year's sensational performers, The Monk, 2:08 1/2, has been sent home because he has refused to race.

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